(SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The total market price support etc. for cotton for the reference period 1986—89 are given below :—

	1986—89 (Average)
Total Market Price Support	(–) Rs. 14543 million.
Eligible Production	1.25 Million Ton.
Applied Administered Price	Rs. 5633/Ton.
External Reference Price	Rs. 17333/Ton.

The data base for calculation of AMS is the Annual Administrative Report of the Ministry of Agriculture and the DGCI&S, Calcutta.

Cheaper Imports in Capital Goods Industry

3674. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Economic Times dated the 14th Feb., 1994 (New Delhi edition) captioned "cheaper imports take the wind out of capital goods industry's sails" and that leading companies in the capital goods sector are facing a crisis situation as they are losing orders worth hundreds of crores to foreign parties;

(b) whetner it is a fact that several companies have submitted Memoranda to Government and Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industries and its capital goods committee have reportedly stated "most of us will not make any investments to expand or modernise our unit if this situation continues";

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether EPCG market has been lost to foreign manufacturers as domestic suppliers do not get deemed export benefits and their finished products are sheltered by huge tariff walls and

(d) whether Government propose to intervene to help the capital goods industry which is faced with a grim outlook ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (d) There have been some representations on the import of second hand capital goods. By recent amendments in the Export and Import Policy, Government have not permitted free import and sale of second-hand capital goods, import of which continues to be with the Actual User condition. However, condition of submission of chartered Engineer's Certificate has been dispensed with and where c.i.f. value of second-hand capital goods is Rs. one crore and above, a certificate from an internationally reputed inspection and certification agency about the reasonableness of the purchase price is required.

As regards Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, the local manufactureres can also supply the capital goods by importing components at concessional rate of Customs duty of 15%.

Negative subsidy on Cotton under GATT Proposal

3675. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total amount of negative subsidy on cotton and its total value which the farmers would have got without market intervention during the reference period (1986—89) of GATT Proposals; and